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HI .- CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE OF CROPS AND PEST ATTACK IN CHENGAM, POLUR AND TIRUVANNAMALAI TALUKS.

கிரு. ஏ. ஆறுமுகம்: கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே. செங்கம். போளூர், திருவண்ணுமலே வட்டங்களில் பருவமழை தவறியதா அம், பயிர்கள் நோயினுஅம் விளேச்சல் பாதிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதும் நிலவரித் தள்ளுபடி செய்ய வேண்டிய அவசியமும் குறித்த அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தை பொதுப்பணித்துறை அமைச்சரின் கவனத்திற்குக் வருகுறேன்.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, during Fasli 1372, the manavari dry crops were raised during the months of July, August and September in the Tiruvannamalai Division of North Arcot district comprising Polur, Tiruvannamalai

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Chengam taluks. There was no appreciable rainfall during July 1962, in this area. But it was quite adequate in the months of August and September 1962 to enable the ryots to plough the dry fields and sow groundnut and other manavari dry crops.

In Polur and Chengam taluks, the outturn of the dry crop was found to be between 25 to 37 nP. The outturn of the wet crops was almost normal in the above two taluks. There was also no pest attack of crops in these taluks. As regards Tiruvannamalai taluk, the outturn of the wet crops has been normal. However, as the rainfall during the months of September and October 1962 was not timely in this taluk, the yield and outturn of the groundnut crops were below normal.

There was pest attack in twenty-four villages in Kilpennathur Block area and in two villages of Tiruvannamalai Block and there was no substantial damage to the groundnut crops. Effective steps were taken to arrest the pest attack by the application of pesticides in many of the villages affected by pests. In this process, an extent of 1,249 acres was treated and the crops saved. The ryots also evinced keen interest and adopted the method suggested by the Block Development Officer and the Agriculture Department to arrest the pest menace. As there were heavy showers in the middle of September 1962, all the pests were washed off and there was no damage. There was no complete loss of groundnut crops even in the pest-affected villages. On the whole, the outturn of the groundnut crop is reported to be 4 annas and above in the pest-affected area. The outturn of other mixed crops, viz., redgram and cholam was normal. In the circumstances, there seems to be no case for grant of remission of land revenue in respect of dry lands or for the postponement of the recovery of loan instalments in Tiruvannamalai Division.

VI. - DELAY IN FURNISHING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஆன் எ பாயிண்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர், கீழ்க்கண்ட பிரச்ணேயை உங்களது மேலான கவனத்திற்கு கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன். இந்த சபையினுடைய உரிமைகளேயும், சலுகைகளேயும் பாதுகாக்கும் வகையிலே நல்ல முறையில் தாங்கள் செயலாற்றி வருகிறீர்கள்.

ஏற்கெனவே இந்த சட்டசபை விதிகளின் 34-வது விதி பேழ்க்கண்டவாறு திருத்தி அமைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா:

Amendment to Rule 34 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules.—For the existing Rule 34, substitute the following:—

"34. A question shall ordinarily be forwarded to the department within four days from the date of receipt by the Secretary. The department shall send a reply to the question to the Secretary within ten days from the date of receipt by it;